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Any document listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08 was cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding parent application, 09/312,485; the international application (PCT/FR00/01316) of which 09/312,485 is a national stage entry; or the foreign priority application (FR 99 03075). English-language summaries are provided for EP 0 290 299, DE 2458112, FR 1443063, and FR 2 616 068 below. U.S. 5,876,758 is an English-language counterpart for WO 93/12761, and U.S. 5,965,165 is an English-language counterpart for FR 2 737 134. The absence of a translation or an English-language counterpart document does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider any submitted document (37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and MPEP § 609).

EP 0 290 299

This application relates to a process for the preparation of water-soluble pellets containing Ginkgo biloba extract, wherein the pellets are prepared by granulating a mixture that comprises the active principle and a water-soluble support.

DE 2458112

This application relates to micropellets comprising an active principle, which may be ipeca extract, and a saccharose as a binder.

FR 1 443 063

This application relates to a Theophilline formulation, comprising a neutral core coated with a layer containing Theophilline, an adjuvant which may be a thyme extract, and a mixture of glyceride, oily alcohol and beeswax.

FR 2 616 068

As indicated in an English language abstract, the application relates to

"[t]herapeutically active plant extracts are stabilised by coating them with a matrix-forming material (A): granulating the resulting mixt. with a volatile solvent; drying the granules, and incorporating, after crushing, into a pharmaceutically-acceptable, non-toxic, inert excipient. Where the extract is dry material, the matrix is methylcellulose; where it is a soft material, the matrix is micronized silica. USE ADVANTAGE – The method is esp. used to stabilize heteroside-contg. extracts, esp. those from the hawthorn. The compsn., which may include a complementary or synergistic component, can now be stored for a long time without a significant loss of active ingredient."

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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